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Foreword

This monograph is one of five reports produced for a research project conducted by the Center for Applied Urban Research, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and under a grant from the Nebraska Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Nebraska State Department of Health titled, "Models and Strategies for Finding the Least Restrictive Work Environment for Developmentally Disabled Persons."

The research was conducted between October 1, 1984, and November 30, 1985. Surveys of national employment and training programs for individuals with developmental disabilities were conducted. Many sites were visited by project staff. Many program officials wrote the descriptions of programs included in this report. The monographs included in this report are as follows:

- BEYOND SEVERE DISABILITY: Models and Strategies for Change
- BEYOND SEVERE DISABILITY: National Approaches and Networking Guide
- BEYOND SEVERE DISABILITY: Nebraska Services Guide
- BEYOND SEVERE DISABILITY: The Challenge of Private Enterprise
- BEYOND SEVERE DISABILITY: A Functional Bibliography

While preparing Models and Strategies for Change the researchers were guided by the philosophy that individuals with severe physical and mental disabilities can take their place alongside workers who do not have disabilities, and that individuals with disabilities can contribute to the economies of their communities when they are allowed to participate in competitive employment. Some individuals with developmental disabilities may require supports in a natural work setting. But, employers often become unduly concerned about the individual's disabilities rather than the individual's abilities, work attitude, and work ethic.

Developmental disabilities are so diverse that it is impossible to provide one general description of the supports required by individuals in natural work settings. The major supports are environmental adaptations, job structuring, and on-the-job training. These types of supports must be individualized. They are often very inexpensive and they frequently provide many benefits to the employer.

Business and community leaders are creators of employment opportunities. Rehabilitation professionals enable individuals with disabilities to enter competitive employment. If individuals with physical and mental disabilities are to take their rightful place alongside nondisabled workers and become integrated into society as valued, contributing citizens, then rehabilitation professionals must broaden their philosophical and vocational horizons. They must examine new vocational opportunities as alternatives to traditional occupations. Thus, agency personnel can work more effectively with business and community leaders who are the sources of employment.

Traditionally, many rehabilitation professionals have held the dichotomous view that individuals were either totally independent or totally dependent, competitively employable or not employable, and completely work-ready or not placeable.

Such dichotomous thinking has led to the conclusion that an individual's vocational future will be in either a competitive job or a segregated workshop. This perception is based upon the erroneous assumptions that: (1) there will be employment opportunities in the community for all individuals who leave special education programs and for all adults with disabilities; (2) individuals with disabilities can only learn work skills in segregated workshops; and (3) when individuals are placed in segregated workshops they learn skills and advance to other types of competitive employment in the community. In fact, none of these assumptions is true.

Researchers have shown that few individuals ever graduate from segregated workshops, they are often engaged in make-believe or simulated work, isolated socially, and segregated from the workers whom they could emulate.

Individuals with severe and multiple disabilities have been segregated in work activity centers and workshops, their wages have been pitifully low, their social lives have been artificial, and their work benefits are nonexistent. Their careers have been dead-ended. Therefore, new vistas in employment, public attitudes, and vocational planning are required. The research reported in these monographs addresses all phases of the problem of finding the least restrictive employment for individuals with disabilities.

In this monograph we have compiled information, much of which has been published previously that we think will help vocational counselors and rehabilitation specialists. All of the monographs in this report, Beyond Severe Disability, should provide new tools for networking to rehabilitation specialists, and for new opportunities for training and employing individuals with disabilities.

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SERVICES AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN NEBRASKA

In Nebraska and elsewhere, individuals with disabilities should be receiving their education, vocational training, and employment in the same schools, training programs, businesses, and industries as individuals without disabilities. Generally, this requires some specific planning on the part of schools, generic job training programs, and employers. Such support may mean a minor modification in the environment, the acquisition of an aide, or financial assistance. By developing these support services, individuals with disabilities will not be limited to the few vocational opportunities offered by most segregated vocational workshops, but they will have access to a variety of career options.

Nebraska, like all other states, provides specialized and generic services. Some specialized services are located in the community, where opportunities to participate in the mainstream of community life are available. Other programs are located in institutional facilities, where residential and educational needs are met in large congregate-care facilities.

This monograph describes the generic educational, vocational, and employment services in Nebraska, and the specialized community and institutional programs. Advocacy organizations and legal compliance agencies are also described.

The information presented in this monograph was compiled by the sources listed. We merely selected and rearranged the material. We relied heavily on information from Petovello and Shaw's Developmental Disabilities Law: A Manual for Nebraska Advocates, the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute booklet, Nebraska Guide to Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Resource Manual for Nebraska Businesses. For additional information on resources applicable to business and industry see the monograph entitled, Beyond Severe Disability: The Challenge of Private Enterprise.

This publication does not endorse program quality nor does it list all of the resources available. A national networking guide is included as Chapter 3 of Beyond Severe Disability: National Approaches and Networking Guide.

INFORMATION SERVICES

There are two toll-free telephone numbers that provide a variety of information relevant to programs and services for individuals with disabilities.

Hotline for the Handicapped

Hotline for the Handicapped is a part of the Division of Rehabilitation Services of the Nebraska Department of Education. The hotline is a statewide information and referral service that provides information on services for citizens with disabilities. The Division of Rehabilitation Services encourages anyone who has questions concerning services or problems facing individuals with disabilities to utilize this service. The hotline maintains a computerized Resource Information Directory which helps provide information about service agencies, government programs, and other resources available to individuals with disabilities (4).¹

Hotline for the Handicapped
(800) 742-7594

General Services Administration Information and Referral Center

The General Services Administration Information and Referral Center guides callers to the federal agency that can answer the caller's questions. The center has addresses and telephone numbers for agencies and organizations across the country (4).

GSA Information and Referral Center
(800) 642-8383 (Nebraska)
(402) 221-3353 (Omaha)

¹Underscored numbers in parentheses refer to references at the end of this report.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Individual school districts administer services to children with disabilities who are attending public elementary or secondary schools. The state also funds educational facilities that specialize in training individuals with specific types of disabilities. The Special Education Branch of the Nebraska Department of Education monitors providers to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and to promote cooperation.

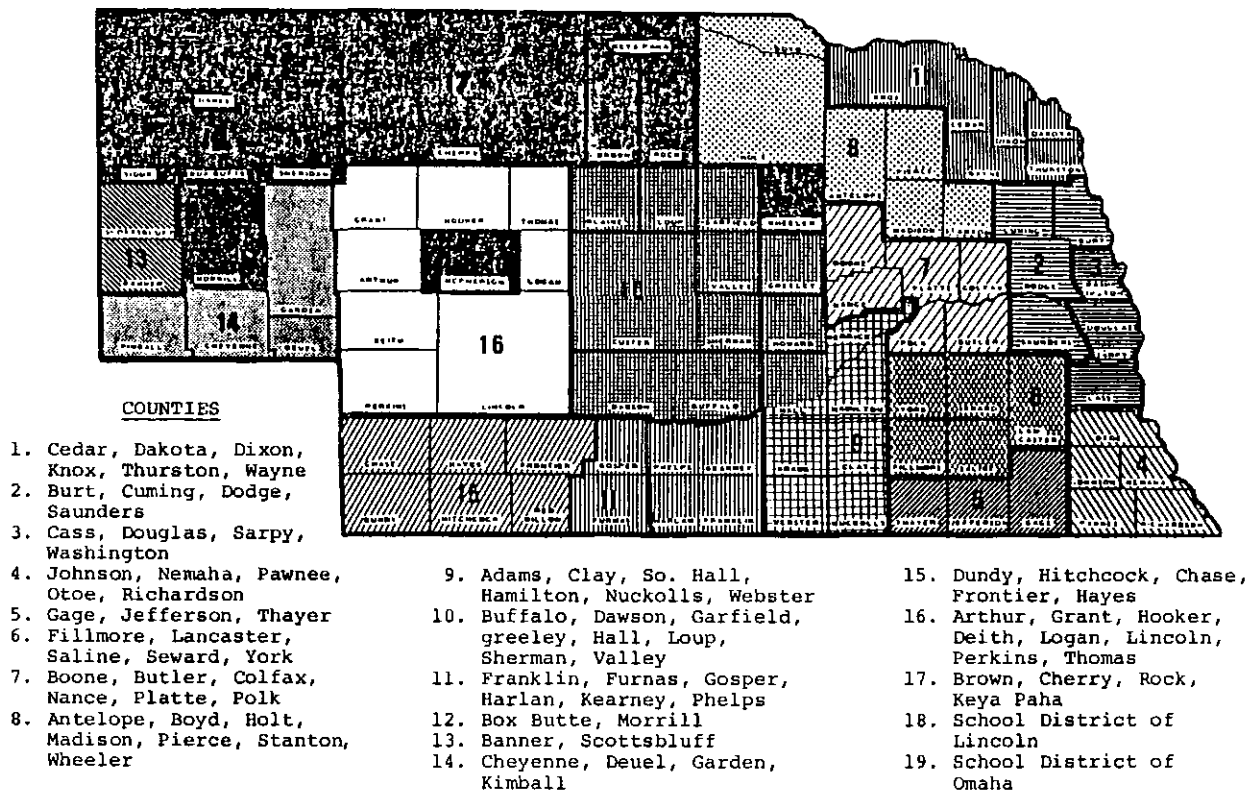
Public Educational Services

Educational services for children with disabilities could be provided by any school district in Nebraska. All of the large school districts have special education programs. The smaller school districts use the services of the educational service units. Local school districts generate their own local tax revenue, and they are controlled by locally elected school boards (1).

Educational Service Units

Educational Service Units (ESUs) were established to provide support services, diagnosis, evaluation, and program placement for local school districts because every school district is a part of an ESU (map 1). The ESUs receive money for special education from the state, through contracts with local school districts. ESUs choose the services they offer, and the services differ among ESUs. Call the local school district or the state Department of Education to discover whether the ESU has programs or services that may benefit students in a special education program (1).

Map 1. Educational Service Units



State Educational Facilities

Educational facilities operated by the State Department of Education include the State School for the Deaf in Omaha, the State School for the Visually Impaired in Nebraska City, and the Nebraska Diagnostic Resource Center in Cozad. These programs receive state funding as well as some local funding (1).

Nebraska School for the Deaf
3223 North 45 Street
Omaha, NE 68104
(402) 554-2155

**Nebraska School for the
Visually Impaired**
824 10 Avenue
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-5513
(402) 873-5913

Nebraska Diagnostic Resource Center
1910 Meridian
Cozad, NE 69130
(308) 784-4525

State Department of Special Education

The Special Education Branch of the Nebraska Department of Education monitors special education programs to ensure compliance with state and federal laws. Special education is actually provided by local school districts or Educational Service Units (4).

Special Education Branch
Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
(402) 471-2471

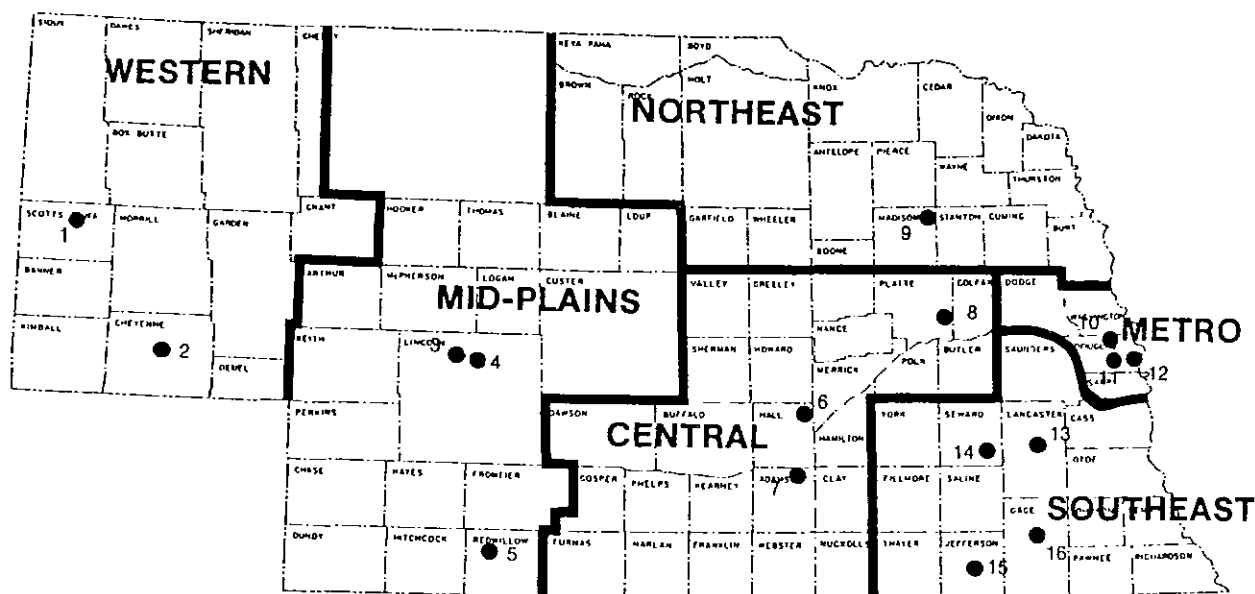
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Nebraska technical community colleges provide vocational and technical education, academic courses which support vocational and technical programs, adult basic education, and high school equivalency programs and other educational programs and courses which meet specific community needs.

Nebraska Technical Community Colleges

Nebraska technical community colleges offer occupational degrees that take about 2 years to earn. As part of their educational/sociological mission, these colleges offer academic/vocational and recreational courses and public service activities. The state is divided into six technical community college areas; each of these independent political subdivisions contains a technical community college, often with several branch campuses. Principal support for the system comes from local property taxes, state aid, and tuition. Coordination is achieved through voluntary participation in the Nebraska Technical Community College Association, a private nonprofit corporation. Map 2 indicates the technical community college areas, and the vital statistics of these colleges are listed below (3).

Map 2. Nebraska's Technical Community Colleges



Western

1. Nebraska Western College, Scottsbluff.
2. Nebraska Western Technical College, Sidney.

Mid-Plains

3. Vocational—Technical Campus, North Platte.
4. McDonald—Belton Campus, North Platte.
5. McCook Community College, McCook.

Central

6. Grand Island Educational Center, Grand Island.
7. Central Technical Community College, Hastings.
8. Platte Technical Community College, Columbus.

Northeast

9. Northeast Technical Community College, Norfolk.

Metropolitan

10. Fort Omaha Campus.
11. Southeast (Elkhorn Valley) Campus.
12. South Omaha Campus.

Southeast

13. Lincoln Campus.
14. Milford Campus.
15. Fairbury Campus.
16. Beatrice Campus.

Central

Main campus: Grand Island
Enrollment: 5,134
Address: Box C, 68801
Telephone: (308) 384-5220

Campuses:

Grand Island Educational Center
Grand Island
Central Technical Community
College--Hastings
Platte Technical Community College
Columbus

Mid-Plains

Main campus: North Platte
Enrollment: 1,721
Address: Route 4, Box 1, 69101
Telephone: (308) 532-8740

Campuses:

Vocational-Technical,
North Platte
McDonald-Belton, McCook

Northeast

Main campus: Norfolk
Enrollment: 1,537
Address: 801 E. Benjamin, 68701
Telephone: (402) 371-2020

Campuses:

Northeast Technical Community
College, Norfolk

Metropolitan

Main campus: Omaha
Enrollment: 5,499
Address: P.O. Box 3777, 68103
Telephone: (402) 449-8400

Campuses:

Fort Omaha
Southeast (Elkhorn
Valley)
South Omaha

Western

Main campus: Scottsbluff
Enrollment: 1,635
Address: 1601 E. 27, 69361
Telephone: (308) 635-3606

Campuses:

Nebraska Western College
Scottsbluff
Alliance
Nebraska Western
Technical College,
Sidney

Southeast

Main campus: Lincoln
Enrollment: 2,585
Address: 8800 O Street, 68520
Telephone: (402) 471-3333

Campuses:

Fairbury
Beatrice
Milford
Lincoln

Department of Education--Department of Vocational Education

Vocational education is supported and monitored by the Division of Vocational Education, Nebraska Department of Education. The division reimburses secondary and post-secondary schools for vocational programs. It also monitors schools to ensure compliance with the Vocational Education Act, which requires that 10 percent of federal funds be used to reimburse schools for the cost of vocational education for students with disabilities. Local school districts, ESUs, and technical community colleges may provide services under the provision of this act. Services funded by this source at the technical community colleges include programs for the hearing impaired at Metropolitan, and vocational assessment and outreach programs at Metropolitan, Central, Mid-Plains, Northeast, and Nebraska Western (4).

Division of Vocational Education
Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
(402) 471-2432

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Colleges and universities throughout the state provide a variety of opportunities for higher education. Each institution of higher education in Nebraska offers some support services for students with disabilities. Call the general information number of the school to find out specifically what help is available. Each college also has a financial aid office which may be able to help students secure financial resources for their educations. For further assistance, such as, special equipment, services of an aide, and minor environmental modifications, contact the Division of Rehabilitation Services. Listings for state-operated, independent, nonprofit and church-affiliated institutions appear below (5).

State

University of Nebraska Lincoln

Enrollment: 23,661
Highest offering: Doctorate
Address: 14th and R Streets, 68588
Telephone: (402) 472-7211

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Enrollment: 2,459
Highest offering: Doctorate
Address: 42nd and Dewey,
Omaha 68105
Telephone: (402) 559-4200

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Enrollment: 14,705
Highest offering: Doctorate
Address: 60th and Dodge, 68132
Telephone: (402) 554-2200

Chadron State College

Enrollment: 1,954
Highest offering: Beyond
Masters but less than
Doctorate
Address: 10th and Main, 69337
Telephone: (308) 432-4451

Kearney State College

Enrollment: 6,838
Highest offering: Beyond Masters
but less than Doctorate
Address: 25th Street at 9th Avenue, 68847
Telephone: (308) 236-4141

Peru State College

Enrollment: 766
Highest offering: Bachelors
Address: Peru, 68421
Telephone: (402) 872-3815

Wayne State College

Enrollment: 2,350
Highest offering: Masters
Address: Wayne, 68787
Telephone: (402) 375-2200

Independent Nonprofit

Bellevue College

Enrollment: 2,272
Highest offering: Bachelors
Address: Bellevue, 68005
Telephone: (402) 291-8100

College of Saint Mary

Enrollment: 592
Highest offering: Bachelors
Address: 1901 S. 72nd Street
Omaha, 68124
Telephone: (402) 393-8800

Creighton University

Enrollment: 5,420
 Highest offering: Doctorate
 Address: 2500 California,
 Omaha, 68178
 Telephone: (402) 449-2700

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Enrollment: 1,165
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: 50th and Saint Paul,
 Lincoln, 68504
 Telephone: (402) 466-2371

Grace College of the Bible

Enrollment: 458
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: 1515 S. 10th Street
 Omaha, 68108
 Telephone: (402) 342-3377

York College

Enrollment: 324
 Highest offering: more than
 2 but less than 4 years,
 principally
 Bachelors creditable
 Address: York, 68467
 Telephone: (402) 362-4441

Church Affiliated**Concordia Teachers College**

Enrollment: 1,162
 Highest offering: Masters
 Address: Seward, 68434
 Telephone: (402) 643-3651
 Affiliation: Lutheran,
 Missouri Synod

Doane College

Enrollment: 690
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: Crete, 68333
 Telephone: (402) 826-2161
 Affiliation: United Church of Christ

Midland Lutheran College

Enrollment: 781
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: 720 E. 9th, Fremont 68025
 Telephone: (402) 721-5480
 Affiliation: Lutheran

Platte Valley Bible College

Enrollment: 41
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: Box 1227, Scottsbluff 69361
 Telephone: (308) 632-6933
 Affiliation: Churches of Christ

Dana College

Enrollment: 524
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: Blair, 68008
 Telephone: (402) 426-4101
 Affiliation: American
 Lutheran

Hastings College

Enrollment: 780
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: 7th and Turner
 Avenue,
 Hastings 68901
 Telephone: (402) 463-2402
 Affiliation: United
 Presbyterian

Nebraska Christian College

Enrollment: 163
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: P.O. 919,
 Lincoln, 68701
 Telephone: (402) 371-5960
 Affiliation: Churches of
 Christ

Union College

Enrollment: 885
 Highest offering: Bachelors
 Address: 3800 S. 48th,
 Lincoln 68506
 Telephone: (402) 488-2331
 Affiliation: Seventh-Day
 Adventists

JOB TRAINING

Nebraska administers job training programs through broad-based approaches that are closely related to the private sector as well as through community-based, private, nonprofit providers.

Public Job Training Programs

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) has established three private industry councils, most members are private business people, to serve the Greater Lincoln, Greater Omaha, and Greater Nebraska Service Delivery Areas. The Department of Economic Development offers assistance in the design and implementation of industrial training programs in cooperation with the various training entities throughout the state.

Job Training Partnership Act

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) provides employment and training services for eligible Nebraskans to develop marketable job skills. Some of the JTPA programs include classroom training, on-the-job training, assessment, counseling, support services, and customized training. Tax credits may also be available to employers who hire eligible individuals. In addition, training is available to upgrade the skills of displaced workers, older workers, and farmers in transition.

The Job Training Partnership Act enhances local planning, which allows greater flexibility in providing training and services. The involvement of local, private business persons ensures that training will be provided for jobs that are available locally and that JTPA training supports the private sector. For further information contact any of the offices listed below (2).

Job Training Division
Nebraska Department of Labor
P.O. Box 95004, 550 South 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2127

Lincoln Training Resources Center
(Lancaster and Saunders Counties)
129 North 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-7111

Greater Office of Employment Resources
(Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties)
5002 South 33rd Street
Omaha, NE 68107
(402) 444-4700

Industrial Training--Department of Economic Development

The Department of Economic Development can initiate programs at little or no cost to provide new and expanded skilled labor forces to industry. The Department of Economic Development works with industrial and educational experts to develop customized curriculums, to provide qualified instructors, to locate training facilities, and to supply instructional aids and training materials. If your company uses specialized equipment, programs can be designed to train prospective employees on the company's machinery. In addition, the department can provide pretraining services, such as, screening, assessing, and interviewing to ensure that only individuals with the appropriate aptitudes and abilities are referred. Company representatives work with department personnel to develop programs, but the hiring option

remains with the company. For more information contact the Department of Economic Development (2).

Development Division

Nebraska Department of Economic Development
P.O. Box 94666, 301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-3111

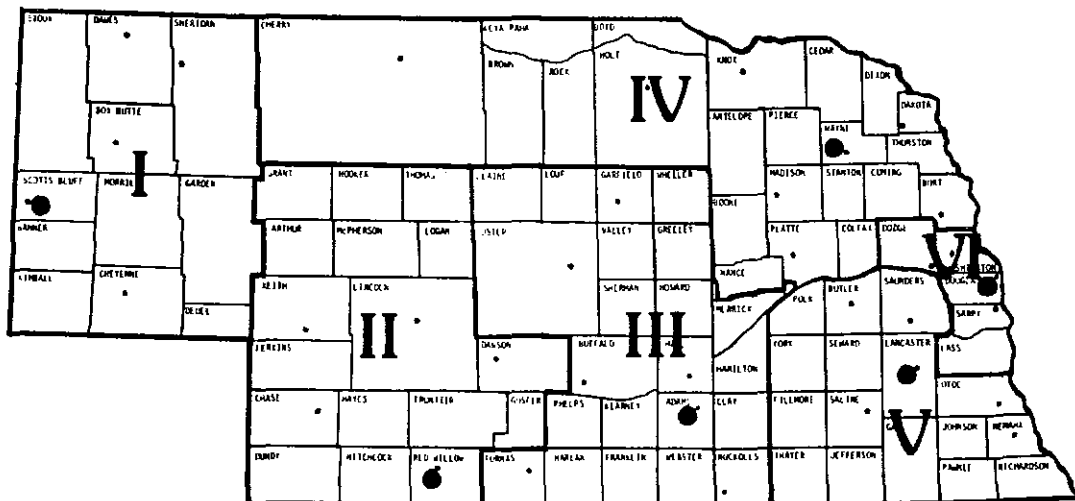
Specialized Job Training Programs

Nebraska divides its specialized job training programs into community-based mental retardation regions; community-based private providers; community-based mental health regions; and private, nonprofit vocational services.

Community-Based Mental Retardation Regions

The state legislature established community-based mental retardation regions (map 3) to provide residential, vocational, and support services in small, dispersed settings throughout the state to individuals whose primary disability is mental retardation. These regions are under the operational control of local subdivisions of government, and they are funded through county, state general, and federal Title XX funds, and other sources. The state Office of Mental Retardation serves as a funding conduit and regulatory control agency for the regions (1).

Map 3. Community-based Mental Retardation Regions



Region I Office of Mental Retardation
Region II Services for the Handicapped
Region III Mid-Nebr. Mental Retardation
Services

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| Region IV | Office of Developmental Disabilities |
| Region V | Mental Retardation Services |
| Region VI | Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation |

- Indicates Area Program

Region I

Office of Mental Retardation
1721 Broadway, Box 1327
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-3444

Region III

Mid-Nebraska Mental
Retardation Services
Landmark Center, Suite 105
2727 W. 2nd Street
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 462-5107

Region V

Mental Retardation Services
2202 S. 11th Street
Lincoln, NE 68507
(402) 471-4400

Region II

Services for the Handicapped
301 1/2 Norris Avenue,
Box 693
McCook, NE 69001
(308) 345-2495

Region IV

Office of
Developmental Disabilities
209 1/2 S. Main Street
Box 330
Wayne, NE 68787
(402) 375-2880

Region VI

Eastern Nebraska Community
Office of Retardation
(ENCOR)
885 S. 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 444-6554

Community-Based Mental Retardation Regions--Vocational Training Facilities

Each region offers an array of comprehensive residential, vocational, and support services to individuals with mental retardation. Contact the regional office for complete information. Below is a listing of the vocational training programs in each region. These programs offer services such as, vocational training in workshops, training in industrial settings, job placement, and follow-along care.

Region I**Area I**

Adult Development Center
224 W. 2nd
Alliance, NE 69301
(308) 762-1970

Adult Development Center
810 Melissa Drive, Box 685
Chadron, NE 69337
(308) 432-4050

Area II

High Plains Products and
Services
Adult Development Center
1618 19th Avenue, Box 170
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-0442

Area III

Adult Development Center
2245 Illinois Street, Box 133
Sidney, NE 69162
(308) 254-6270

Region II**Cozad Area**

Adult Development Center
732 Meridian, Box 367
Cozad, NE 69130
(308) 784-4204

McCook Area

Adult Development Center
506 E. 12th Street
McCook, NE 69001
(308) 345-1530

North Platte Area

North Platte
Opportunity Center, Inc.
501 Bryan
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 532-3965

Ogallala Area

PAK's Industrial Enterprises
Adult Development Center
121 East J
Ogallala, NE 69153
(308) 284-2075

Region III**Broken Bow Area**

Mid-Nebraska Mental Retardation
Services, Adult Development Center
218 S. 5th Avenue
Broken Bow, NE 68822
(308) 872-5759

Grand Island Area

Mid-Nebraska Mental
Retardation Services,
Adult Development Center
2536 N. Carleton
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 381-5775

Hastings Area

Mid-Nebraska Mental Retardation
Services
316 E. South Street, Box 535
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 462-5176

Kearney Area

Mid-Nebraska Mental
Retardation Services
1400 E. 27th Street, Box 548
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-2558

Ord Area

Mid-Nebraska Mental Retardation
Services, Adult Development Center
420 Riverside Drive
R.R. 1, Box 59E
Ord, NE 68862
(308) 728-3622

Oxford Area

Mid-Nebraska Mental
Retardation Services,
Adult Development Center
504 W. Derby
R.R. 1, Box 59E
Oxford, NE 68967
(308) 824-3283

Superior Area

Mid-Nebraska Mental Retardation
Services, Adult Development Center
207 Central
Superior, NE 68978
(402) 879-3235

Region IV**Bloomfield Area**

Adult Development Center
S. Broadway, Box 206
Bloomfield, NE 68718
(402) 373-4358

Columbus Area

Columbus Adult Development 607
Center
1853 10th Avenue, Box 1097
Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-1465

Lyons Area

Adult Development Center
160 Main Street, Box 58
Lyons, NE 68038
(402) 687-2028

O'Neill Area

Adult Development Center
East Highway 20, Box 734
O'Neill, NE 68763
(402) 336-4405

Valentine Area

Keyapaha-Cherry County
Developmental Services
324 S. Hall, Box 31
Valentine, NE 69201
(402) 376-2900

Norfolk Area

Norfolk Adult Development
Center
218 Braasch Avenue, Box 1383
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-0332

South Sioux City Area

710 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, NE 68776
(402) 494-2018

Wayne Area

Adult Development Center
209 S. Main
Wayne, NE 68787
(402) 375-4884

Region V

Auburn Area

Southeast Nebraska
Developmental Services (SENDS)
Vocational Services Center
906 S. 13th Street
Auburn, NE 68305
(402) 274-4996

Crete Area

V-CO (Five-Co) Industries
1951 E. 13th Street, Box 159
Crete, NE 68333
(402) 826-2106

David City Area

Region V Industries (RVI-DC)
360 South Street, P.O. Box 333
David City, NE 68632
(402) 367-3008

Fairbury Area

Region V (RV-F)
624 4th Street, Box 366
Fairbury, NE 68352
(402) 729-3306

Lincoln Area

Vocational Services Division (LOMR)
2202 S. 11th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 471-7811

Day Training Centers:

LANCO-Cornhusker,
3535 N. 40th, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 471-7811

LANCO-Leighton,
6620 Leighton, Lincoln, NE 68507, (402) 471-7811

LANCO-J Street,
800 J Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 471-7811

Work Stations in Industry,
2202 S. 11th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 471-7811

Nebraska City Area

Vocational Services Center
Region V (RV-NC)
8th Corso, Box 614
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-3306

Wahoo Area

Saunders County Office
of Mental Retardation
(SCOMR) Vocational Services
1910 N. Chestnut, Box 25
Wahoo, NE 68066
(402) 443-4694

Region VI**Projects With Industry**

885 S. 72nd St.
Omaha, NE 68510
(402) 444-6515

Omaha, Work Stations in Industry sites:

Holiday Inn
Lozier Corporation
Methodist Hospital
Mid-Continent Refrigeration
3-M Company
Valmont Industries
Lawn and snow removal crews

Cass-Sarpy Area

Bellevue Industrial Training
Center
3412 Hancock
Bellevue, NE 68005
(402) 291-0373

Dodge-Washington Area

Fremont Industrial Training
Center
Fremont, NE 68025
(402) 721-8525

North Douglas County Area

Job Readiness
1014 NW Radial
Omaha, NE 68110
(402) 444-6575

Northeast Industries

1531 N. 18th Street
Omaha, NE 68110
(402) 342-2922

Central Douglas Area

Benson Industrial Training Center
6001 Maple Street
Omaha, NE 68104
(402) 558-3121

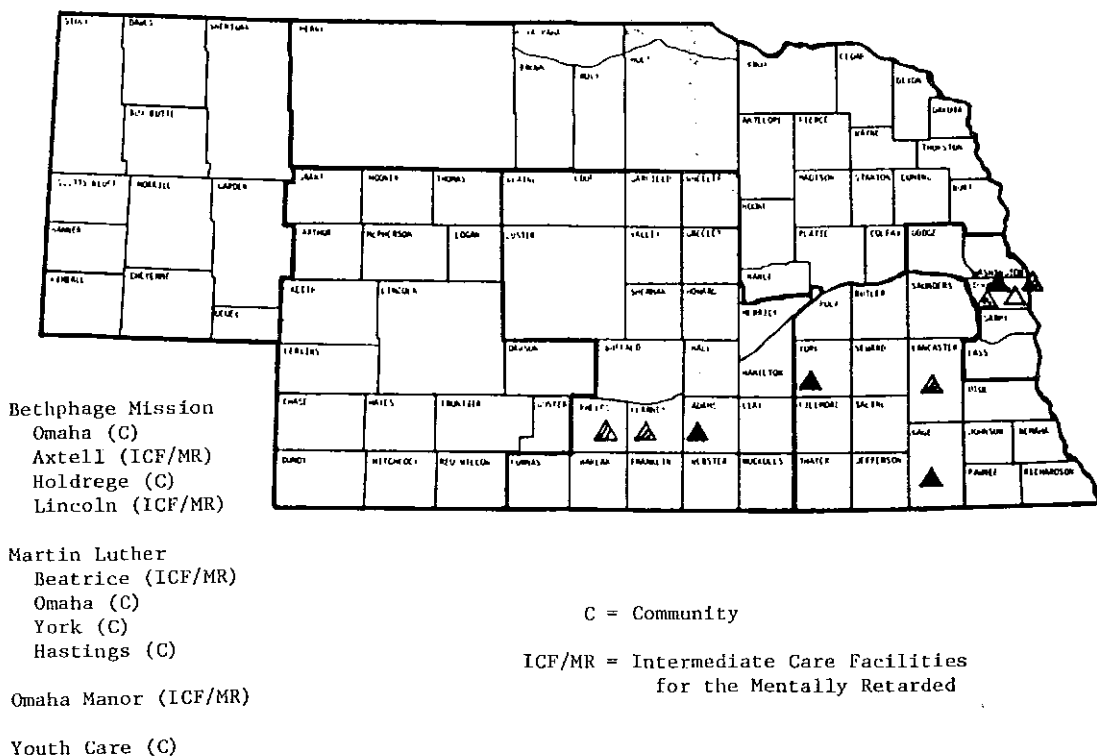
South Douglas Area

South Industrial Training
Center
5020 I Street
Omaha, NE 68117
(402) 733-3838

Private Providers--Institutional and Community-Based

The state has four privately licensed intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR). These institutional programs for individuals with mental retardation receive state funding, including reimbursement from the state Department of Welfare for each day services are provided to clients. They also receive local funding. Private community-based programs receive funds through contractual agreements with community-based mental retardation regions or the Department of Public Institutions through the Office of Mental Retardation. The agreements specify reimbursement rates. These programs may also have other sources for funds. The locations of institutional and community-based private providers are shown on map 4 below (1).

Map 4. Location of Private Facilities for Individuals
with Mental Retardation



Private Providers--Vocational Facilities

Not all private providers operate a vocational services component, but those that do are listed below.

Axtell Area

Bethphage Residential Centers
Box 127,
Axtell, NE 68924
(308) 743-2402

Horizons Unlimited
Axtell, NE 68924
(308) 743-2401, Ext. 172/174

Hastings Area

Developmental Service Corporation
922 E. South Street
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 463-0518

Lincoln Area

Bethphage at Lincoln
904 Summer Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 475-5895

Beatrice Area

Martin Luther Home
804 S. 12th Street
Beatrice, NE 68310
(402) 223-4066

Adult Service Center
804 S. 12th Street
Beatrice, NE 68310
(402) 223-4066

Holdrege Area

Bethphage at Holdrege
Holdrege, NE 68949
(308) 995-8652

Workshops

The Corner Nuggett
Holdrege, NE 68949
(308) 995-8652

Workshop and Office

Bethphage Enterprises, Inc.
3600 N. 22nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68521
(402) 475-5895

Omaha Area

Martin Luther Home
4541 S. 134th Street
Omaha, NE 68137
(402) 334-0993

Community Mental Health Regions

The community mental health regions are the same as the community mental retardation regions, and the same boards govern them. However, each region has a regional administrator who procures the various community services and acts as a funding conduit for many service providers (4).

Community Mental Health Centers--Vocational Programs

Each region provides prevocational and vocational training and job placement to individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses. These vocational programs are listed below.

Region I--Cirrus House

(A program of the Panhandle Mental Health Center.)
4110 Avenue D
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-3171

Region II--Frontier House

(A program of the Great Plains Mental Health Center.)
115 S. Vine
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 532-4730

Region III--Opportunity Center

(A program of the South Central Community Mental Health Center.)
Box 50, 602 W. 2nd
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 463-5684

Region IV--Liberty Center

(A program of the Northern Community Mental Health Center.)
Box 769
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7530

Region V--AWARE

(A program of the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center)
2200 St. Marys Ave.
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 471-4940

Region VI--Alliance, Inc.

701 S. 39th
Omaha, NE 68105
(402) 341-5128

Private, Nonprofit Vocational Services--Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries is located in Omaha, Lincoln, and Grand Island. The Omaha and Lincoln facilities serve individuals from eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. The Grand Island facility serves individuals from a six-county area surrounding Grand Island.

Goodwill Industries offers services in vocational evaluation, training, work adjustment, and job placement to individuals who are 16 years of age and older and who are referred by another agency, such as, Vocational

Rehabilitation. Goodwill Industries is operated by a private governing board. Retail sales, fees for services (collected from Vocational Rehabilitation, and Job Training Partnership Act Programs, the Veterans Administration, the Social Security Administration, insurance carriers, and other private sources), and grants fund the programs.

Goodwill Industries
1111 S. 41st Street
Omaha, NE 68105
(402) 341-4369

Goodwill Industries
1717 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-3278

Goodwill Industries
1804 S. Eddy Street
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 384-7896

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Employment services for individuals with disabilities are available in both the public and private sectors.

Public Employment Services

Job Service of Nebraska matches job-ready applicants with employers. Job Service also provides an array of services to help applicants find jobs. These services include pre-employment services; job information; counseling; occupational testing; assistance to veterans, youth, and older workers; referral to training and support services; and specialized services for disabled workers (for example, employment counseling, individualized job development, interview preparation, and job modification recommendations). The Division of Employment, Nebraska Department of Labor, administers Job Service offices which are located in many Nebraska cities (4).

Job Service of Nebraska
1010 N Street, Box 95200
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2275

Specialized Job Placement Services

Additional services are provided through cooperation between publicly funded and privately funded sectors.

Career Design, Inc.

Career Design, Inc. is a for-profit agency that prepares clients with employment handicaps for re-entry into the job market. The staff includes: professionally trained and, where appropriate, specially certified vocational evaluators; rehabilitation counselors; clinical and counseling psychologists; registered nurses; and job placement and employment specialists. Referral sources can be corporate or private, and a fee is charged for all services.

Career Design, Inc.
7359 Pacific
Oak Park Plaza
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 392-0830

Worknet

Worknet is a project with industry administered through Career Design, Inc. This placement program is coordinated with business and industry through an Executive Advisory Board and the Employment Awareness and Awards Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Career Design, Inc., maintains coordination with the Division of Rehabilitation Services and Services for the Visually Impaired for this program. For more information contact one of the offices listed below.

Worknet
7359 Pacific
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 392-0830

Worknet
5143 S. 48th Street
Lincoln, NE 68516
(402) 479-4235

Elks of Nebraska Training, Employment, and Rehabilitation

Recognizing that some workers with disabilities are not fully competitive in the job market, Elks of Nebraska Training, Employment, and Rehabilitation (ENTER) opens doors for qualified job applicants. The Elks' use their statewide network of lodges, members, and advisory committees to expand job opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

In addition to creating an awareness of the profitability of hiring workers who have disabling conditions among Elks' members, many of whom are employers, ENTER strives to acquaint employers in Nebraska with the sound economics of employing rehabilitated disabled workers. ENTER is funded by the Elks of Nebraska and works closely with the Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services. The job-ready workers that ENTER admits into its job placement program are referred by Vocational Rehabilitation, which provides vocational counseling and evaluation, job counseling and evaluation, job training, and professional services and job placement. For more information contact the Executive Director or one of the placement managers for ENTER.

ENTER Headquarters
2916 West Highway 30
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-1863

ENTER
P.O. Box 429
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 462-5193

ENTER
200 South Sibling
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 534-6780

ENTER
2316 South Locust
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 384-4340

STATE AGENCIES

The Departments of Education, Labor, Health, and Public Institutions contain agencies that are responsible for providing services for individuals with disabilities.

Department of Education--Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation helps eligible individuals with disabilities find competitive employment. The Division of Rehabilitation Services, a part of the Nebraska Department of Education, administers the program. Offices are located in North Platte, Omaha, and Lincoln. Vocational rehabilitation services include an evaluation to identify the individual's employment capabilities, vocational counseling and guidance; vocational training, independent living services; and placement services (4).

Division of Rehabilitation Services

Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2961

Omaha.....1313 Farnam-on-the-Mall, Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 554-2100
Lincoln.....5143 South 48th, Lincoln, NE 68516
(402) 471-3231
Norfolk.....600 South 13th, Suite 2, Box 119, Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-1666
Kearney.....2916 West Highway 30, Box 1807, Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-1863
Hastings.....Hastings Regional Center, Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 462-5193
North Platte.....200 South Silber, North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 534-6780
O'Neill.....223 South 4th, O'Neill, NE 68763
(402) 336-3037
Scottsbluff.....4502 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 632-1321
Grand Island.....2316 South Locus, Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 384-4340

Department of Labor

The Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped, part of the Nebraska Department of Labor, provides information on and referral of vocational, employment, and financial services for individuals with disabilities who are looking for job training or employment. Many cities also have a mayors' committee on employment of the handicapped. The Governor's committee can refer interested individuals to the committee in their communities. (4).

Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped

Department of Labor
550 S. 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 475-8451

Department of Health--Office of Developmental Disabilities

Sixteen members, appointed by the Governor, comprise the Nebraska Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities. The council submits a state plan on services for individuals with developmental disabilities to the federal government which provides funding for employment and related services that are mandated by the Developmental Disabilities Act. The council also supports six regional councils which identify and address local and regional issues (4).

Nebraska Developmental Disabilities Council

Department of Health
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2330

Department of Public Institutions

The Department of Public Institutions is responsible for the administration, supervision, and provision of programs concerning mental health, mental retardation, chemical dependency, nursing care for veterans, and rehabilitation services for the blind. The department operates three mental health regional centers, one mental retardation development center, and four veterans' nursing homes; it also sets standards for and distributes state and federal funds to community mental health programs, mental retardation programs, and chemical dependency programs administered by regional governing boards (3).

Department of Public Institutions

W. Van Dorn and Folsom Streets
P.O. Box 94728
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2851

State-operated Institutional Facilities

State-operated institutions serve individuals with mental retardation and mental illness. The Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) is the only state-operated facility which specifically houses individuals with mental retardation. The three regional centers, located in Hastings, Lincoln, and Norfolk, primarily care for individuals with emotional disabilities but they also provide services for individuals with mental retardation. The programs are operated by the Department of Public Institutions; they receive local, state, and federal Title XIX funds as well as income from other sources. The addresses of these facilities are listed below.

Beatrice State Development Center

Box 808, Beatrice, NE 68310.....(402) 223-2302

Hastings Regional Center

Box 579, Hastings, NE 68901.....(402) 463-2471

Lincoln Regional Center

Box 80499, Lincoln, NE 68501.....(402) 471-4444

Norfolk Regional Center

Box 1209, Norfolk, NE 68701.....(402) 223-2302

Office of Mental Retardation

The Office of Mental Retardation (OMR) is part of the Department of Public Institutions and operates as a funding conduit for community-based programs for individuals with mental retardation. It also acts as a liaison between institutional and community-based programs (4).

Office of Mental Retardation
Department of Public Institutions
Folsom and Van Dorn Streets
P.O. Box 94728
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2851

Office of Community Mental Health

The Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH), part of the Department of Public Institutions, supervises the community mental health programs in Nebraska, including community support programs for individuals with severe, persistent mental illness. OCMH provides information on programs and services available to individuals who have chronic mental illness and on mental health services for those who have other disabilities (4).

Office of Community Mental Health
Department of Public Institutions
Folsom and Van Dorn Streets
P.O. Box 94728
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2851

Services for the Visually Impaired

Services for the Visually Impaired (SVI) offers vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with impaired vision. SVI services are similar to those offered by the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and the federal vocational rehabilitation program governs both. The Department of Public Institutions, however, administers SVI (4).

Services for the Visually Impaired

4600 Valley Road
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 471-2891

1047 South Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 471-2891

200 S. Silber
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 534-6780

1313 Farnam-on-the-Mall
Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 554-2041

4500 Avenue I, Box 1500
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 632-1304

600 S. 13th Street
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-9129

2916 W. Highway 30, Box 1356
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-5125

State Commission for the Hearing Impaired

The Commission for the Hearing Impaired provides information on and referral to services or programs for individuals with impaired hearing. The commission also helps individuals find qualified sign-language interpreters (4).

Commission for the Hearing Impaired

4600 Valley Road
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 554-3991

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Accessibility services available in Nebraska include transportation services and the establishment of standards for barrier-free environments. An advisory service for designers and builders is also available.

Department of Roads

Transportation services are provided by municipalities or counties, and interested individuals should check with their city or county government to determine which transit systems are accessible for individuals with disabilities. The Nebraska Department of Roads administers the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act and the Nebraska Public Transportation Act. Both acts provide funds for mass transit systems in urban and rural communities and require that a portion of the funds be used to make transportation systems accessible to individuals with disabilities. State agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and public mass transit systems can apply for these funds (4).

Department of Roads
14th and Burnham Streets
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-4567

American National Standards Institute

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) establishes the standards for barrier-free and accessible environments. Recipients of federal funds must meet ANSI standards to comply with Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Copies of the standards can be obtained from ANSI (4).

American National Standards Institute
1430 Broadway
New York, NY 10018

League of Human Dignity

The League of Human Dignity offers consultation about barrier-free environments on a statewide basis to builders and architects. Fees for this service are determined on a sliding schedule. For more information about the league, see the listing under Consumer and Family Support Services in this chapter (4).

League of Human Dignity
1423 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-0820

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT SERVICES

In Nebraska, a number of services are available to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities.

Nebraska State Ombudsman

The Nebraska State Ombudsman is an independent government office that investigates and resolves complaints against state government agencies. The ombudsman also answers questions about all levels of state government (4).

Office of the Ombudsman

Room 1018, State Capitol Building, Box 94712
Lincoln, NE 68509
(800) 742-7690
(402) 471-2035 (in Lincoln)

Education Compliance Office

The Education Compliance Office investigates complaints against school districts for failing to comply with special education statutes and regulations and for failing to implement a student's Individualized Education Plan. Complaints must be submitted in writing (4).

Compliance Director

Special Education Branch
Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2471

Vocational Rehabilitation Client Assistance Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation Client Assistance Program helps applicants or clients of vocational rehabilitation services understand the system by solving problems informally or by filing formal complaints. Clients of Services for the Visually Impaired should call 402-471-2891 (4).

Client Assistance Program

Division of Rehabilitation Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2961

Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission

The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission investigates and holds hearings on complaints of employment discrimination by government agencies, unions, employment agencies, or private businesses in Nebraska that have fifteen or more employees (4).

Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission
301 Centennial Mall South, Box 94934
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2024

Division of Licensure and Standards

The Division of Licensure and Standards, part of the Nebraska Department of Health, licenses and monitors residential facilities, including institutions that qualify as Intermediate Care Facilities/Mental Retardation (ICF/MR), facilities that serve individuals with developmental disabilities but are not ICF/MR, nursing homes, board and room homes, mental health clinics, alcohol and drug centers, and hospitals. Complaints about licensed facilities should be submitted to this division. The division must inform the complainant of the results of the division's investigation and the recommended action (4).

Division of Licensure and Standards
Department of Health
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2946

Office for Civil Rights

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is a federal agency that investigates discrimination complaints against organizations that receive federal funds. OCR is the appropriate agency to contact when a recipient violates Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Pub. Law 94-142) (4).

Office for Civil Rights
601 East 12th Street, Room 248
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 374-7277

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board is a federal agency that conducts investigations, holds hearings, and orders compliance with the federal Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. The act requires that all buildings owned or leased by the federal government be accessible to individuals with disabilities (4).

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
330 C Street, Southwest, Room 1010
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 245-1591

The Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Program

The Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Program (OFCCP) is part of the U.S. Department of Labor. OFCCP monitors federal contractors for compliance with federal law, including compliance with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and investigates complaints and negotiates with businesses to end discrimination against individuals with disabilities (4).

Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Program

106 S. 15th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 221-3381

Wage and Hour

The Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor enforces and administers the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) which establishes minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child-labor standards. The FLSA also monitors wages paid to patient workers in hospitals, participants in sheltered workshops, and workers with disabilities engaging in competitive employment. Other labor laws enforced through the Wage and Hour Division deal with wages and benefits for vendors providing goods or services to the federal government, with standards of employment for migrant workers, and with wage garnishment protection. For further information contact the Wage and Hour Division listed in the white pages of the telephone directory under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

Wage and Hour Division

Department of Labor
106 So. 15th Street, Room 715
Omaha, NE 68102

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was formed in 1970 to administer the Occupational Safety and Health Act that was passed into law by Congress to assure safe and healthful working conditions. A division of the Department of Labor, OSHA works to develop job safety and health standards, monitors job-related injuries and illnesses, and evaluates and approves state occupational safety and health programs. OSHA inspectors have the authority to inspect any business at any time.

Because of the vast area of OSHA's jurisdiction, it has established inspection priorities: investigation of imminent danger, investigation of fatalities and catastrophes resulting in the hospitalization of five or more employees, and investigation of alleged violation of standards resulting in unsafe working conditions. Employee complaints can trigger all of these inspections. The employee's name will not be revealed to the employer if the employee so requests.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Department of Labor
Overland Wolf Bldg., Room 100
6910 Pacific
Omaha, NE 68106
(402) 221-3182

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation is the state-mandated insurance that all Nebraska employers, except employers of domestic servants and ranch or farm workers, are required to carry in case an employee is injured or killed on the job. If the employer objects to the circumstances under which the employee received the injuries, the burden of proof is on the employer to show either willful negligence or drunkenness on the part of the employee. No other objections are admissible in the Nebraska courts. If employers do not carry Workers' Compensation, they can be held liable personally for injuries sustained on the job.

Workers' Compensation

State Capitol Building, 13th Floor
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2568

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

The following are consumer and family organizations that advocate and provide support to individuals with disabilities and their families. The organizations that have an office are identified with an asterisk. The addresses and telephone numbers of organizations without offices are listed also. Generally, the organization's constituency is indicated by its name (4).

***Alliance for the
Mentally Ill of Nebraska**
Room B-7, Lincoln Center Building
215 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508

***Handicap Reach Out**
345 W. 3rd Street, Box 948
Chadron, NE 69337
(308) 432-3560

***League of Human Dignity**
1423 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-0820

***Muscular Dystrophy Association**
1912 N. 90th Street
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 393-7866

**National Society for Children and
Adults with Autism/Nebraska Chapter**
2610 Cottonwood Road
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 394-6694

***Nebraska Epilepsy League**
3929 Harney, #216
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 342-0290

Spina Bifida Association
535 S. 84th Street
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 391-6083

***Association for
Retarded Citizens/Nebraska**
521 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 475-4407

Head Injury Club
6900 N. 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68122
(402) 553-1905

***Mental Health Association of Nebraska**
2555 Leavenworth
Omaha, NE 68105
(402) 346-7717

**National Federation of
the Blind of Nebraska**
2224 S. 35th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 489-9559

**Nebraska Association for Children
and Adults with Learning Disabilities**
8100 Sanborn Drive
Lincoln, NE 68505
(402) 464-3589

People First of Nebraska
c/o Association of Retarded Citizens of
NE
2501 N Street, #411
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 476-6981

United Cerebral Palsy
P.O. Box 80103
Lincoln, NE 68501

ADVOCACY SERVICES

A variety of organizations in Nebraska offer advocacy services to individuals with disabilities. These agencies provide both legal and support services.

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union

The Nebraska Civil Liberties Union (NCLU) refers cases involving civil rights violations to attorneys who are members of the NCLU. The Board of Directors decides which cases to accept. Most costs are paid by the NCLU (4).

Nebraska Civil Liberties Union

633 S. 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 476-8091

Legal Aid

Legal Aid provides low or no-cost legal services to individuals who meet the income guidelines. Potential clients may have to have a problem that falls within a priority area. Legal Aid has three offices in Nebraska (4).

Legal Aid Society

500 S. 18th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
(800) 642-8223
(402) 348-1060 in Omaha

Legal Aid Services

of Southeast Nebraska
825 Terminal Building
10th and O Streets
Lincoln, NE 68508
(800) 742-7555
(402) 435-2161 in Lincoln

Western Nebraska Services

9 E. 15th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 632-4734

Legal Services Lawyer Referral Program

The Legal Services Lawyer Referral Program of the Nebraska State Bar Association refers individuals with noncriminal problems to attorneys. The legal representative will attempt to find reduced-fee or free legal services for impoverished individuals. Calls are accepted between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (4).

Legal Services Lawyer Referral Program

Nebraska State Bar Association

1019 American Charter Center
206 S. 13th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(800) 742-3005
(402) 475-7091 in Lincoln

Crime and Community

Crime and Community finds alternatives to inappropriate imprisonment for individuals with developmental disabilities who have committed crimes (4).

**Crime and Community
Special Offenders Project**
129 N. 10th Street #437
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-4774

Citizen Advocacy

Citizen Advocacy locates volunteers who will form a long-term, individual relationship with disabled children or adults who need someone to speak out on their behalf. Several local Citizen Advocacy programs operate in Nebraska. Contact Nebraska Advocacy Services for addresses and telephone numbers of the local programs (4).

Nebraska Advocacy Services

Nebraska Advocacy Services (NAS) offers advocacy services, including legal representation, to individuals with developmental disabilities. NAS also provides training and information on the legal rights of these individuals. The agency has established priorities for accepting cases for legal representation, and, because of a sliding fee schedule, clients may be responsible for part of the cost (4).

Nebraska Advocacy Services
522 Lincoln Center Building
215 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-3181

CHILD OR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers Child or Adult Protective Services. Services are provided through the county DSS offices. Protective services investigates allegations that children, incompetent adults, or adults with disabilities are being abused or neglected. DSS has the authority to take appropriate legal and nonlegal action to protect abused or neglected individuals (4).

Protective Services Hotline
(800) 652-1999

RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES

A number of agencies offer support services to individuals with disabilities and their families. Individuals can find physical, psychological, and financial help in a variety of programs.

Immanuel Hospital Rehabilitation Center

Immanuel Hospital Rehabilitation Center provides inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services to individuals with physical disabilities. Besides physical therapy and other comprehensive rehabilitation services, the center provides recreation therapy and vocational assessment and counseling (4).

Immanuel Hospital Rehabilitation Center

6901 N. 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68122
(402) 572-2295

The Birth Defects Prevention Program

The Birth Defects Prevention Program is part of the Division of Special Health Programs of the Nebraska Department of Health. The program provides genetic counseling, prenatal diagnosis, laboratory tests, and other genetically related services. Services are actually provided by the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Memorial Hospital in Omaha, and the University of Colorado Health Services Center in Boulder, Colorado. The program also provides genetic services and counseling through genetics teams that travel to clinics in nine other communities in Nebraska (4).

Birth Defects Prevention Program

Department of Health
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2647

Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute

The Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute (MCRI) is part of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and serves children who have long-term medical or physical disabilities. MCRI administers diagnostic, medical, dental, and psychological services, as well as occupational, physical, and speech therapy. The institute also provides social services (4).

Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute

444 S. 44th Street
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 559-6430

The Nebraska Psychiatric Institute

The Nebraska Psychiatric Institute (NPI), part of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, provides inpatient and outpatient evaluation and treatment for adults, adolescents, and children. It also provides a day hospital program for adults (4).

Nebraska Psychiatric Institute

602 S. 45th Street
Omaha, NE 68106
(402) 559-5000

Boys Town Institute for Communication Disorders in Children

Boys Town Institute for Communication Disorders in Children provides services for children who have communication disorders, such as hearing or speech impairments and learning disabilities. Services include diagnosis and evaluation, counseling, and treatment, including treatment for cleft palate and facial disorders. The institute also has support groups for parents of children who have cleft lips, cleft palates, and hearing impairments (4).

Boys Town Institute for Communication Disorders in Children

555 N. 30th Street
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 449-6540

University of Nebraska at Lincoln Speech and Hearing Clinic

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Speech and Hearing Clinic, in the Barkley Center on the UNL campus, provides speech, language, and hearing evaluation and related services for individuals of all ages (4).

University of Nebraska at Lincoln Speech and Hearing Clinic

Barkley Memorial Center
East Campus-UNL
Lincoln, NE 68583
(402) 472-2068

Program in Communication Disorders

The Program in Communication Disorders at Kearney State College provides evaluation and therapy for individuals of all ages who have speech, language, hearing, or vocal disorders (4).

Program in Communication Disorders

Kearney State College
West Center
Kearney, NE 68849
(308) 234-8300

Easter Seal Society

The Easter Seal Society provides financial assistance for buying medical equipment and for traveling to obtain medical services. The society also operates a residential summer camp. The Easter Seal Society serves individuals with any type of disability and individuals of any age, regardless of financial status (4).

Easter Seal Society

409 Lincoln Center Building
215 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508
(800) 742-7658
(402) 476-8593 in Lincoln

SOURCES OF INCOME

Financial support can come from federal and state sources. One source does not necessarily preclude another.

Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance

The U.S. Social Security Administration is responsible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II disability). SSI provides a fixed monthly income for individuals who have little or no money, who are disabled, and who are unable to work. Title II disability provides income for individuals who have contributed to social security and who are now unable to work because of a disability. Contact your local social security office or call the toll-free number for assistance (4).

Social Security Administration
(800) 642-8310

Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled and the State Disability Program

The Division of Income Maintenance of the Nebraska Department of Social Services (DSS), through the county DSS offices, administers Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) and the State Disability Program (SDP). AABD and SDP provide financial assistance payments to individuals with disabilities (4).

Division of Income Maintenance
Department of Social Services
301 Centennial Mall South
(402) 471-3121

Disabled Persons and Family Support Program

The Disabled Persons and Family Support Program provides up to \$300 to individuals who need services to find or maintain employment and to families that need services to keep a family member with a disability at home. The money can be used to purchase services or equipment. The Aged and Disabled Service Unit of the Nebraska Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the program. DSS will approve the purchase of goods and services (such as the physical modification of a home) to make a residence accessible or to provide attendant care, housekeeping services, respite care, and special equipment for an individual with disabilities. Although there are financial eligibility requirements, middle-income families and individuals with disabilities who are not eligible for other DSS services may be eligible for this program. The individual's disability must be severe, chronic, likely to continue indefinitely, and result in functional limitations in major life activities (4).

Aged and Disabled Services Unit
Department of Social Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(800) 742-7398
(402) 471-3121 in Lincoln

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